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National Family Health Survey
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the initiatives of the Government to adequately address the family planning needs of people in order to protect mothers and to prevent unwanted births;

(b) the status of infrastructure in India to adequately cater to the family planning needs;

(c) whether the fourth National Family Health Survey (NFFS-4) 2015-16 reveals a strong wave of women empowerment indicators for female health, literacy, financial means and age of marriage over the past decade;

(d) if so, the State-wise upswing details; and

(e) the further efforts the Ministry would take to consolidate the upswing?

Answer

ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND
FAMILY WELFARE
(SHRI FAGGAN SINGH KULASTE)
(a): The initiatives taken by the Government to address the family planning (FP) needs of people include expansion of basket of choice to include new contraceptives, redesigning of contraceptive packaging, development of new family planning media campaign, enhanced compensation scheme for sterilization, emphasis on Postpartum Family Planning services, scheme for ensuring drop back services to sterilization clients, appointment of dedicated Reproductive-Maternal-Neonatal-Child and Adolescent Health (RMNCH+A) counsellors at high case load facilities, scheme for Accredited Social Health Activists to ensure spacing in births, celebration of World Population Day & fortnight to boost family planning efforts in the country, establishing quality assurance committees in all State and districts for ensuring quality FP services, increasing male participation and promotion of 'Non Scalpel Vasectomy", 'National Family Planning Indemnity Scheme' etc.

(b): As reported by the States and UTs and published in Rural Health Statistics 2014-15, as on 31st March 2015, there were 153655 Sub Centres, 25308 Primary Health Centres 5396 Community Health Centres, 1022 Sub District/ Sub Divisional Hospitals, 763 District Hospitals functioning in the Country to provide health care services including family planning in the public sector.

(c) & (d): Yes. Key results published so far by the Ministry from National Family Health Survey 4 (NFHS 4) 2015-16 for 18 States/UTs reveal improvement of indicators for female health, literacy, financial means and age of marriage in comparison to NFHS-3 (2005-06) estimates. Statewise details annexed.

(e): Health is a State Subject. Under National Health Mission support is provided to the States/UTs to strengthen their health care system based on the requirements posed by them under Programme Implementation Plans. National Health Mission (NHM), has two Sub-Missions, viz. the National Rural Health Mission (NRHM) and the National Urban Health Mission (NUHM). While NRHM was launched in April 2005, launch of NUHM was approved by the Cabinet on 1st May 2013. NHM envisages achievement of universal access to equitable, affordable & quality healthcare services that are accountable and responsive to people's needs. The main programmatic components include Health System Strengthening in rural and urban areas, (RMNCH+A) interventions and control of Communicable and Non-Communicable Diseases.